

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A paper container for fluid, ~~having comprising;~~

a spout plug ~~in which the spout plug formed of~~ including a spout positioned on a spout hole part configured to be cut and opened, ~~for cutting and opening and incorporating~~ a rotary opening blade and a cap, the spout plug being ~~is fitted~~ to a top panel having the spout hole part ~~for cutting and opening;~~ in which

a spout hole formed in a paper base material ~~is sealed by a sealing layer~~ the spout hole part; and, ~~characterized by comprising~~

a cut and opened piece fall prevention mechanism provided in the spout hole part for leaving, ~~in the spout hole part for cutting and opening,~~ uncut a part of a the spout hole part cut and opened piece, said cut and opened piece fall prevention mechanism produced when the spout hole part sealing layer is cut and opened by the rotary opening blade of the spout plug and for endowing the uncut part of a said spout hole part cut and opened piece with a hinge function,

wherein the cut and opened piece fall prevention mechanism provided in the spout hole part is formed of a protrusion which is provided on a part of a periphery of the spout hole formed in the paper base material and which protrudes into the spout hole by extending the paper base material.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A paper container for fluid having a spout plug according to Claim ~~2,~~ characterized 1,

wherein ~~in that a~~ the hinge portion is formed at a base portion of the protrusion by piercing or half-cutting or creasing the paper base material along all or a part of a line connecting portions near the ends of the base portion of the protrusion.

4. (Currently Amended) A paper container for fluid having a spout plug according to claim ~~2,~~ 1,

wherein a radius of a cutting line of a rotary opening blade of the spout plug mounted onto the spout hole part ~~for cutting and opening~~ provided in the top panel, is smaller than a radius of the spout hole provided in the paper base material, and is larger than the distal end of the protrusion protruding into the spout hole.

5. (Currently Amended) A paper container for fluid having a spout plug according to claim 3,

wherein a radius of a cutting line of a rotary opening blade of the spout plug mounted onto the spout hole part ~~for cutting and opening~~ provided in the top panel, is smaller than a radius of the spout hole provided in the paper base material, and is larger than the distal end of the protrusion protruding into the spout hole.